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1. The North Korean side of the Manchurian border is guarded by local Po An Tae units, not by regular North Korean troops. North Korean regulars stationed here before the invasion of ROK were sent south to the battle areas in June. There were 75-mm. anti-aircraft guns in the following locations: four on the hills of the Yongampo Harbor area, five in undetermined areas of Sinuiju, four on Taedasa-do (124-25, 39-47).
2. Because of the damage from UN bombings, the Sinuiju-Antung railway bridge is unable to carry heavy cargo. Light traffic is possible since emergency repairs have been made. Rice, kaoliang, and other foods are being sent from the Antung area to Sinuiju in small boats. Munitions from undetermined areas of Manchuria and the USSR are arriving via Dairen by large and small ships at Yongampo (124-22, 39-56). From Sinuiju and Yongampo, the cargo is transported to other North Korean areas by oxcart and truck.
3. The Sinuiju airfields are not in use but are guarded by a small (undetermined) number of North Korean troops.
4. There is an acute shortage of food in the Sinuiju area. On 16 September the price of one large mal of beans was 1200 North Korean won; potatoes cost 400 won. One North Korean won equals 300 ROK won.
5. On about 20 September there were one locomotive and 23 freight cars in the Huichon (126-16, 40-10) railway station area. On about 18 September there were eight locomotives and 36 freight cars in the Kanggye (126-36, 40-58) railway station area.

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